Fall in the sex ratio

1804. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the falling sex ratio in the country, the deficit of women in population was 3 million in 1991 and 36 million now; and

(b) whether Government would evolve a uniform policy for the States to implement laws against sex determination and dowry and also to protect the girl child from discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The sex ratio in the country was 927 females per thousand males as per the Census, 1991. The absolute numbers were: 403 million females compared to 435 million males. According to Census, 2001, the sex ratio has gone up to 933 females per thousand males. The absolute numbers being: 496 million females compared to 532 million males.

(b) The Government has adopted the National Policy for the Empowerment of Women, 2001 which envisages strict enforcement of laws against pre-natal sex selection and elimination of all forms of discrimination against the girl child and violation of her rights by undertaking strong measures, both preventive and punitive within and outside the family. The Policy also lays emphasis on creating and strengtheing institutions, mechanisms and suitable schemes for assistance for preventing violence against women, including violence arising out of customs like dowry.

Promotion of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

†1805. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether promotion orders in respect of the promoted principals/ teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, since year 2000 upto now, are being cancelled and they are being reverted back to their earlier posts;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the number thereof, region-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to compensate the teachers affected by this Order?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Amendment of statutes in UGC recognized Universities

1806. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several old UGC recognised Universities have been amending their statutes in order to bring self-financed private undergraduate colleges under their ambit;

(b) the details of the universities who have revised their statutes for this purpose since 1991-92;

(c) the condition stipulated, if any, by UGC for allowing such changes in statutes by the Universities;

(d) the details of the instances, if any where UGC derecognised any University for failing to adhere to these conditions; and

(e) the fate of the students in such events?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The Government has no information in this regard.

(d) and (e) No University has been derecognised by UGC.

Adult literacy drive

1807. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of literacy in the country, State-wise;

(b) the pattern of the staff engaged in the programme for adult education; and